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SUBJECT: ICNAF SPECIAL MEETING, ROME, JAN 21-26

REF: (A) STATE 9719; (B) STATE 9585; (C) STATE 10235

1. MINECON CALLED 19 JAN ON C. GIRARD, ACTING HEAD OF MFA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS DIVISION, TO REQUEST GOF SUPPORT PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL (A). MINECON STRESSED NEED FOR CONSERVATION OF HERRING STOCK AND URGED GOF TO SUPPORT QUOTA FIGURE IN LOW END OF RANGE. GIRARD PROMISED TO BRING OUR DEMARCHE TO ATTENTION OF FISHERIES OFFICIALS AND HAD FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS: (A) ON QUOTAS, HE NOTED GOF SUPPORT FOR ICNAF CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES BUT INTEREST IN PROTECTING ITS OWN VERY SMALL BUT DOMESTICALLY SIGNIFICANT EFFORT IN AREA; (B) ON ENFORCEMENT, HE WONDERED IF U.S. PROPOSAL TO INVOLVE OTHER FLAG VESSELS IN REPORTED VIOLATIONS BY FISHERMEN

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OF SAME NATIONALITY COULD WORK, GIVEN INDIVIDUALISTIC

AND COMPETITIVE NATURE OF SHIPS' CAPTAINS. WE LEFT PAPERS WITH TEXTS OF REFTELS (B) AND (C) FOR GOF CONSIDERATION.

2. WE FOLLOWED UP 20 JANUARY WITH CALL TO THIBODEAU, FISHERIES DIRECTOR AT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT. THIBODEAU ALREADY HAD US POSITION PAPERS, SAID HE WOULD STUDY THEM THOROUGHLY, AND WOULD PASS ON HIS COMMENTS TO FRENCH DELEGATE AT ROME MEETINGS (MME GENEVIEVE ROSSIGNOL). THIBODEAU ALSO NOTED FRENCH SUPPORT FOR CONSERVATION MEASURES INCLUDING FOR LOWERED TAC AT MONTREAL MEETING--BUT SAID THAT GOF IS WORRIED THAT ANY SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN ITS "OTHERS" QUOTA OF 4000 TONS COULD MAKE ENTIRE FRENCH EFFORT IN ICNAF AREA UNECONOMIC. MME ROSSIGNOL, HE SAID, WAS ALREADY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK PROTECT FRENCH QUOTA IN EXPECTED CONDITION OF REDUCTION IN OVERALL HERRING QUOTA.
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